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Applicant(s): Takahiro HOSHIDA, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3745

Serial No.: 09/824,324

Examiner: John E. Ryznic

Filed: April 2, 2001

For: **COMPRESSOR PISTON AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE COMPRESSOR PISTON**

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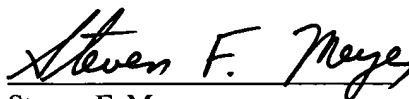
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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Final Office Action for the above-identified application.



No additional fee is required.



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Independent Claims	6 -	6	0	\$84.00/ \$42.00	\$0.00
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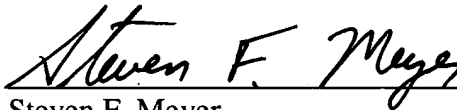
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the final Office Action dated August 9, 2002, in the above-referenced application.

Claims 1-24 are pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 10-24 and finding claims 2-9 allowable. Applicants seek reconsideration of claim 1 in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by published European patent application 0 952 339 A2 ("EP `339"). The Examiner stated that EP `339 shows "a hollow piston for use in a compressor, the piston having an end wall with a flat outer surface with a recess and an inner surface, the inner surface having curved portions